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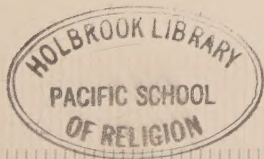
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Single and satisfied

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Everyone is single—that is, individual. Whether we're married, unmarried, divorced, widowed, each of us is actually, spiritually, the individualized reflection of the one indivisible God. Each of us is complete and unique. Our real identity isn't slotted into human categories.

From among the various explanations for increasing numbers of single adults in the United States, this salient point emerges: people yearn to understand and express their own individuality. Sometimes the search for this understanding is baffling, because it's approached solely from a material standpoint. The current preoccupation with self-realization often leads down the fruitless path of self-indulgence. Thought is focused on "me." Animal magnetism, the supposed pull of materiality, may suggest sensualism as a means of fulfillment. But this path ends in frustration and alienation.

What is missing in this self-centered emptiness? Love. "But that is just what I am seeking," the response comes. Seeking, but

not expressing. True self-satisfaction is found in expressing the Love that is God. The spiritual qualities that constitute our true selves, such as integrity, purity, love, joy, are forever accompanied by the opportunity to express them. Mary Baker Eddy, who discovered and founded Christian Science, tells us, "Happiness consists in being and in doing good; only what God gives, and what we give ourselves and others through His tenure, confers happiness: conscious worth satisfies the hungry heart, and nothing else can."¹

Realization of our worth is found only by looking away from the limited, enigmatic human personality. Our spiritual identity as God's expression is the only reality even where the faulty material concept, mortal man, appears to the material senses. Our true nature emerges as thought is transformed through spiritual growth, purified through the destruction of worldly, sensual thinking. Mrs. Eddy instructs: "Mortals must emerge from this notion of material life as all-in-all. They must peck open their shells with Christian Science, and look outward and upward."²

A physical sense of life progressively gives way to the perception and practice of the Science of being, which reveals male and female as created by God. Each of us is complete, because each reflects the full spectrum of divine qualities, of masculine and feminine elements. Thus women find it natural to be strong and intelligent as well as tender and sensitive. Men can exhibit graciousness and purity along with strength and courage. When we learn through Christian Science that God alone establishes our actual identity, we can feel neither incomplete, limited by sexual identification, nor trapped in a human relationship.

Suppose a single person longs for a sound and happy marriage. That person can prove through Science that God does care for individual needs. Above all, however, one would need to see that marriage in its highest sense is found in man's inseparability from God, in his unity with divine Love.

"Thy Maker is thine husband,"³ the prophet assured the people of Israel, and indeed man and God are always at one. As we become conscious of this changeless spiritual relationship, we feel the actual presence of Love filling any void in our life.

Along with an awareness of Love's constancy we need to claim our individual completeness as the expression of Father-Mother God. Every element that makes up God's wholeness is expressed by man. Successful marriages, as well as satisfying singlehood, evidence these spiritual facts.

If we elect to remain single, we need not feel out of step with the world or pressured by family or society to marry. Some today have opted to dedicate themselves to careers instead of marriage, or perhaps they have found themselves in this situation not by choice but by circumstance. Yet to be single is not to be deprived of an essential experience or of the joy of companionship. Man is never alienated from Love.

Sometimes the unmarried adult (or the married person for that matter) may feel the pull of sensuality. He or she may be pressured to relax moral standards. Cultivation of spiritual sensibilities can strengthen our resistance to these pressures, whether they come from outside or appear to be the impulses of our own thought. In either case they are the valueless impositions of physical sense, the result of false education rather than of legitimate desire.

Animal magnetism would have us believe that the unmarried adult is likely to be tempted by some immoral relationship or perverted life style. But this cruel suggestion is a conclusion drawn from the twisted values of mortal mind, that bogus fleshly mentality. One must courageously assert the supremacy of divine Mind—realize that it is the sole originator of all true thought and feeling, the exclusive governor of man—and let sensuality and innuendo collapse of their own dead weight.

Can a single person torn between marriage and career find sure guidance to his proper niche? Faced with such a decision, one should place the question in God's hand. The desire to prove our unity with divine Mind makes us receptive to its precise, unmistakable direction.

Perhaps it isn't an either-or decision. Many people successfully combine careers and marriage. The most important factor is to base our actions solidly on a perception of our spiritual individuality, on our indivisibility from Principle. We need to re-

lease ourselves to the divine assurance that God governs His own manifestation flawlessly.

The life of Christ Jesus serves as a model for the contributive individual. Jesus demonstrated his singleness—his uniqueness—in a magnificent human life culminating in triumph over death. He proved individuality to be eternal.

Our spiritual singleness and wholeness remain unchanged. As the finite concept of personality yields to the discernment and expression of our spiritual individuality, we will live more contentedly, and our relationships with others will serve to demonstrate our inseparability from Love.

¹ *Message to The Mother Church for 1902*, p. 17; ² *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 552; ³ Isa. 54:5.

Where job opportunities thrive

HELEN T. RIESENBERG

For whatever reason or no apparent reason, you find yourself moved out of a position of usefulness. You have seen it happen to others; you know about it as a societal problem; now, it appears, it's your turn. In such a situation the understanding of Christian Science can help bring purpose, activity, reward, into view.

Christian Science demonstrates that without a sustaining mental environment an inharmonious situation cannot persist; conversely, the consciousness of spiritual reality supports the development of good in human experience. Mrs. Eddy explains, "When we learn in Science how to be perfect even as our Father in heaven is perfect, thought is turned into new and healthy channels,—towards the contemplation of things immortal and

away from materiality to the Principle of the universe, including harmonious man.”¹

The habitat of an employment difficulty is a mentally held version of the universe as limited—as a place of scarce resources, contending human beings, imperfect communications, personal power. What’s the remedy? Neither anger, self-justification, nor resigned passivity will restore the displaced worker to secure employment and self-worth. As long as we remain within the precincts of a material misconception of reality, focusing on management or the economy, on our weaknesses or those of others, we are liable to fail and to be frustrated.

Christian Science shows how to resolve work-related problems, however they may appear, through change of consciousness. “If God is the Principle of man (and He is), man is the idea of God; and this idea cannot fail to express the exact nature of its Principle,—any more than goodness, to present the quality of good,”² Mrs. Eddy says. Working from this basis—systematically replacing defeated, inadequate versions of man and the universe with specific, liberating acknowledgments of spiritual reality—changes the human situation by bringing to light a new and better mental environment.

The truth is that man—the actual selfhood of each individual without exception—is flawless. Knowing that this real identity of ours cannot fail to express God and cannot fall away from perfection, we can be secure in a solid conviction of our worth as intelligent, active ideas, continuously participating in the full satisfaction of God’s all-embracing, good plan. In that consciousness there is no limit on dignity or usefulness, no diminution of office, no possible separation from status or reward. “In Him we live, move, and have being,” Mrs. Eddy reminds us. “Man’s origin and existence being in Him, man is the ultimum of perfection, and by no means the medium of imperfection. Immortal man is the eternal idea of Truth, that cannot lapse into a mortal belief or error concerning himself and his origin: he cannot get out of the focal distance of infinity.”³

God—divine Truth, Life, and Love—creates and governs the universe, including each of us. Man’s capacities are God-endowed—nourished by the infinite resources of Soul, given

form and direction by Spirit, and maintained by Mind in its perfect knowing of all its ideas. Forever situated within Love's intelligent design, in Truth's ordered universe, each individuality acts concordantly with all others in divinely established patterns of fulfillment. Steady affirmation of these truths regenerates consciousness and brings healing.

No individual or group, no widely held belief about the economy or any portion of it, no specific, limiting judgment based on sex, age, race, or human history, can determine our ongoing experience of God's goodness. Man reflects and expresses God's sufficiency. Capability is a condition of individual identity, the effect of God-in-action.

Because man is the full expression of his creator, we can prove the possession of every needful skill, every insight and comprehension, as well as the power to act on them and the opportunity to do so. As Paul explained it to the church at Corinth: "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."⁴ To the extent that we abide with this reality, we will enjoy its effects in improved situations, including those having to do with our work.

We successfully confront particular problems of unemployment, or of work that seems to lead nowhere, by destroying their habitat, replacing negative suggestions with the specific facts that define God's domain and the condition of man abiding within it. Man expresses the dignity of Christ, the divine idea of sonship. Understanding this—man's actual relationship to the divine intelligence that animates the universe—enfolds both the individual and his career in a course of continued progress.

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 276; ² *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 78; ³ *ibid.*, p. 79; ⁴ II Cor. 9:8.

Quicksilver, jellyfish, and double-mindedness

FRANK S. MOORMAN

Relating these terms to types of human thought, we might say that quicksilver indicates a temperament that is mercurial and elusive; jellyfish pertains to an absence of stamina; and double-mindedness points to unsettled, vacillating, deceitful thinking. In a word—*instability*.

But what about true thought? It comes from God, for God is the one Mind, the divine Principle or perfect creator of the universe, including man.

A perfect creator can create only a perfect creation. Out of His infinite wisdom and love, God not only creates man perfect but also maintains that perfection. Christian Science shows that the real man, the spiritual man created by God, remains free from all that is ungodlike—free from sickness, sin, and death.

How can we in this workaday world attain a standard approaching this ideal? By holding thought, as Christ Jesus did, to the concept of perfect God and perfect man—the only man there really is. Our great Master recognized that man is wholly dependent on God for his supply, health, and activity. He said, "I can of mine own self do nothing."¹ He knew that man derives all good from God, divine Love, and through his life on earth he proved this. And he promised that his followers, then and now, would likewise prove it.

During active business years, I learned—and proved to some degree—that man is the expression of God, Soul. He is continually guided by his divine Father; he is steadfast, not mercurial or elusive; he is stable in all his ways. This understanding of the real man guided me in dealing with employees, clients, and others. Seeing these qualities in them and in myself, I found that man does not have ups and downs, is not excitable; he does not

display the characteristics of quicksilver or jellyfish but is calm, just, and wise. This knowing led to harmony in my business affairs.

As the representative of divine Spirit, man is fearless, strong, having limitless staying power. If we are hesitant about coming to conclusions, we can turn away from the human picture to the truth of man's being. Instead of seeing a person with a mental weakness, we can see the perfect man, who is always conscious of God's will and unfailingly obedient to it. This knowing, this seeing of the perfect man, brings order and stability in business ventures.

Man, the idea of the one Mind, who creates and maintains the infinite universe harmoniously, is sincere, guileless, and steadfast. This understanding denies the belief that we can be double-minded or vacillating. James was aware of the unsettled nature of a deceitful type of thinking when he said, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."²

One may be unaware that instability is caused by the fact that the physical senses themselves are double-minded. They are constantly testifying falsely, basing their conclusions not only on material law but also on chance, prejudice, false reasoning, incorrect deductions. It is these false conclusions that cause instability, with the suffering it brings. In *Miscellaneous Writings* Mrs. Eddy explains, "All suffering is the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of *both* good and evil; of adherence to the 'double-minded' senses, to some belief, fear, theory, or bad deed, based on physical material law, so-called as opposed to good,—all of which is corrected alone by Science, divine Principle, and its spiritual laws."³

When we correct our thinking by understanding spiritual laws, we eliminate misconceptions. Then we will no longer be compared to quicksilver and jellyfish, for man will be recognized as he truly is—as the flawless expression of the one infinite creator, Love.

¹ John 5:30; ² James 1:8; ³ *Mis.*, p. 198.

Appreciate yourself

HELEN B. CHILDS

Self-depreciation is heavy baggage, something to unload as fast as possible. We can drop a limited sense of ourselves as we realize our true identity to be the unlimited spiritual expression of God.

Our life mirrors the quality of our thought. There is a distinct correlation between the spiritual good we are perceiving and our well-being. As our thought expands to see more of the vast landscape of God's allness, we begin to accept for ourselves a vista of unlimited possibilities.

There is satisfaction and perpetual progress in knowing that we *are* the living witnesses of God. Mrs. Eddy explains, "The admission to one's self that man is God's own likeness sets man free to master the infinite idea."¹

Think what it means to be God's own likeness! Man expresses the divine Mind's completeness, limitless capacities, infinite intelligence. We explode barriers to happiness by identifying ourselves as God's reflection, as the outcome of His glory and perfection.

It's easy to love God's idea. When we identify ourselves as His idea, as His man, we rightly appreciate ourselves. In deep humility, then, we need to reject the belief in a selfhood apart from God and pray to express Him more and more. Mrs. Eddy explains, "Self-renunciation of all that constitutes a so-called material man, and the acknowledgment and achievement of his spiritual identity as the child of God, is Science that opens the very flood-gates of heaven; whence good flows into every avenue of being, cleansing mortals of all uncleanness, destroying all suffering, and demonstrating the true image and likeness."²

By rejecting that which "constitutes a so-called material

man," we refute the rationale that accepts human error as inevitable. The fear of making mistakes dissolves as we realize that since there are no mistakes in the divine Mind, there are none in its expression, man. In God's allness, there is not truth *and* error. With God-given authority we can repudiate the intimidating argument of a good and bad side to existence and silence self-reproach growing out of that belief.

Christian Science removes scars of inadequacy, destroys the belief of inability, wipes out self-pity stemming from lost opportunities. Science shows us how to reject aggressive suggestions, such as feeling insignificant or fearing failure. These thoughts are not our own, because they are not from God, the only Mind—our Mind. As we reason spiritually, we'll find misgivings and self-distrust fading away like the wake of a ship. Seeing ourselves as the very emanation of God, we'll grow to a fuller recognition of our God-given capabilities. We'll face the challenge of new opportunities with confidence.

Christ Jesus was the unparalleled Exemplar of assurance that comes from identifying oneself spiritually. His remarkable healing work was the natural outcome of his understanding of his unity with divine Principle. He said, "I and my Father are one."³

Moreover, the great Exemplar demonstrated the dominion that accompanies sincere humility. He knew that greatness is not personal because good is not personal. The self-esteem of the egotist is pride heading for a fall. We'll never stumble over arrogance when we discern that man is the perfect effect of the perfect divine cause. We'll find true self-respect in emulating the Master, who said, "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? . . . the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works."⁴

We each have a God-ordained mission that we can cherish as our unique role in God's unfolding goodness. We find peace and strength as we let go the belief of a mortal selfhood and allow God to be expressed in us.

Our *raison d'être* is to glorify our Father-Mother God. We should let nothing stop our fulfilling this holy purpose. Our motive has to be pure, free of pride and self-aggrandizement. Our

Leader, Mrs. Eddy, wrote to a branch Church of Christ, Scientist: "Goodness never fails to receive its reward, for goodness makes life a blessing. As an active portion of one stupendous whole, goodness identifies man with universal good. Thus may each member of this church rise above the oft-repeated inquiry, What am I? to the scientific response: I am able to impart truth, health, and happiness, and this is my rock of salvation and my reason for existing."⁵

When we acknowledge and increasingly express our inherent goodness, we cultivate a genuine, spiritually based appreciation of ourselves. Satisfaction is inseparable from our perception of the good we have and from the good we do.

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 90; ² *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 185; ³ John 10:30; ⁴ 14:10; ⁵ *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, p. 165.

God's chosen people —you, I, and everyone

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One day, while thumbing through the Bible, I came across some words of Christ Jesus' I had never noticed before: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."¹

Although Jesus was speaking to his disciples, I had the strong feeling I had not turned to this passage by accident. I knew it was part of God's answer to my sincere desire to understand my relationship to Him better. The message, as I understood it, was that I was "chosen," individually defined, needed, by Him. This made me feel very good.

But then a sad thought came. Did my being chosen imply that some other people were not chosen? That could not be true, I reasoned, since God is divine Love and wholly good. He loves impartially, and therefore *everyone* must be chosen.

As I continued to study the Bible and the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy, I found much corroboration for this point of view. For example, Mrs. Eddy says, "Man is the expression of God's being."² So every individual idea—you, I—is essential to God's expression of Himself. Not one is worthless or unnecessary.

Doesn't this mean we can find and appreciate worth in every person we come in contact with? We can't correctly discount anyone as being useless or hopeless. No one in his true being is ever a barrier to good, since good is the very substance of man's identity. Therefore we should know that everyone can be a means for the expression of good in some form.

We frequently come face to face with the opposite suggestion. For example, we may sometimes be tempted to see a fellow church member as valueless, a dead weight, always halfheartedly supporting or even willfully resisting progressive steps. The fact is that every member has God-given, individualized good to contribute, and so is needed. We ourselves have God-given ability to discern this good and appreciate it. As we do, we'll see more harmony, unity, and true progress in our church.

People who are not members of our particular church or adherents of our way of thinking are also "chosen," and realizing this helps bring harmony into every aspect of our lives and theirs. Once I had to prove this.

A fellow employee (not a Christian Scientist) and I were barely speaking to each other, as each felt the other was holding a totally unreasonable opinion concerning the accomplishment of a mutual project. Because the situation distressed me, I turned to my Bible one evening with a sincere prayer for guidance. I was willing to take whatever steps might be shown me, and I trusted God, Love, to reveal the best answer. This is the verse I opened to: "And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken."³

I was sought out, not forsaken! This calmed and comforted me, and I knew help was on the way. I read the verse again: "And they shall call *them*, *The holy people*" [emphasis mine]. Plural! Not just me, but my co-worker also. We were God's "holy people." We were both equally needed by God.

"If we're both needed," I thought to myself, "there must be something worthwhile in what each of us has to give." As I began to reexamine my co-worker's standpoint in a less prejudiced way, I started to see a glimmer of validity in it.

When I next saw her, I made the effort to express some appreciation for her viewpoint. She in turn began to consider my opinion more open-mindedly. Soon we found a compromise solution. In the following months we not only worked together effectively but also became friends.

Next time you're tempted to write someone off as a hopeless case, give it a second thought. You don't really want to believe a lie about anyone. He or she is God's chosen one, His loved and very-much-needed child. And remember—so are you!

¹ John 15:16; ² *Science and Health*, p. 470; ³ Isa. 62:12.

Do we seem to be bound by chains of sickness or sin that would hamper us in every direction? We don't have to be!

Don't be like Rosie!

LAURA E. LOVETT MURPHY

When vaudeville was a popular form of entertainment, Rosie was advertised as the only trained white elephant in captivity. I was traveling with a one-act play on the circuit, and in one city Rosie was on the same bill with us.

Between performances Rosie was kept out of sight at the back of the stage, tethered by a slender chain encircling one massive leg and attached to a heavy iron ring on the floor.

One day when I was feeding Rosie peanuts, I said to her keeper, "Couldn't Rosie break that flimsy chain if she wanted to?"

"Of course," was the reply. "Rosie could instantly snap that chain and walk right out of this theater. But *Rosie doesn't know it!*"

Are we sometimes like Rosie? Do we seem to be bound by chains of sickness or sin that would hamper us in every direction? We don't have to be! We can learn in Christian Science how flimsy those chains of false belief really are. We can prove how unnecessary it is to put up with such ills, because God did not make them. They are contrary to divine law, and in reality they have no cause, presence, or power. We can find out that in truth we are spiritual and perfect, created by God in His own image, as the Bible says; that we reflect Him and are at one with Him.

Empowered by Almighty God, we can break the ephemeral chains of false belief that would make us seem to be sick and sinning mortals. We can claim our freedom, knowing that we are God's beloved children, sound and whole. When sin is involved in the problem, we can perceive the imperative need to acknowledge sin to be sin, and turn away from it. Through our repentance and regeneration, sin and sickness will no longer enslave us. We can rejoice in our complete freedom.

Since God made all that exists, and all that He made is good, neither sin nor disease has any basis in divine fact. Therefore we can repudiate the evidence of the material senses, refusing to be fooled by their false testimony. God has provided us with spiritual sense, and this sense reveals glimpses of our present perfection as spiritual ideas in divine Mind.

Mrs. Eddy writes: "Christian Science raises the standard of liberty and cries: 'Follow me! Escape from the bondage of sickness, sin, and death!' Jesus marked out the way. Citizens of the world, accept the 'glorious liberty of the children of God,' and be free! This is your divine right." And on the next page she states: "The enslavement of man is not legitimate. It will cease when man enters into his heritage of freedom, his God-given dominion over the material senses. Mortals will some day assert

their freedom in the name of Almighty God. Then they will control their own bodies through the understanding of divine Science. Dropping their present beliefs, they will recognize harmony as the spiritual reality and discord as the material unreality.”¹

Perhaps the chains that seem to fetter us are those associated with old age: impairment of vision or hearing or locomotion. Or they may take the form of limited opportunities, interests, or activities. What frauds these beliefs are! We can accept the truth of our eternal sonship with God and our coexistence with Him. Then we can begin to prove that we reflect the unalterable spiritual perception and discernment of Soul, the vigorous activity of Spirit, the infinite range of Mind. God cannot be limited, and neither can His reflection, man.

Moses proved the limitless faculties of man. We are told in the Bible that at the age of eighty he led the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. He then spent the next forty years with them on their journey to the Promised Land. When Moses was one hundred and twenty years old, we read in Deuteronomy, “his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.”² Doesn't this give us something to think about?

Sometimes the chains that bind us may appear to be lack of education or opportunity; or memories of an unhappy, deprived childhood; or the problems of an unsatisfactory marriage; or any of various forms of discordant human relationships. But these never touch our real, spiritual identity. We can shake off apparently crippling restraints as we realize a present ability to demonstrate our God-given spiritual selfhood.

That Christian Science is practical and effective—that it heals as Christ Jesus healed—has been proved for more than a century. Jesus left with us this promise: “Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”³ Christian Science reveals that the Christ, Truth, is with us here and now, illumining our consciousness, dispelling the false beliefs of the carnal mind, telling us of God's goodness and His loving care for us. One of the hymns in the *Christian Science Hymnal* assures us: “The Christ is here, all dreams of error breaking,/Unloosing bonds of all captivity.”⁴

So, we don't need to be like Rosie! We don't need to be held captive by ignorance or apathy. The teachings of the Bible and their explication by Mrs. Eddy enable us to recognize the tenuous nature and the falsity of sickness and fear. Through divine Science we see that God's beneficent law nullifies so-called laws of mortal belief. These spurious beliefs lose their supposed power over us as we begin to understand the nature of our Father-Mother God and the dominion He has given us.

Actually, could you or I ever really be like Rosie? No, not really. The divine fact is that we are, always have been, and always will be God's spiritual ideas, completely free, and in truth we know it!

¹ *Science and Health*, pp. 227-228; ² Deut. 34:7; ³ John 8:32; ⁴ *Hymnal*, No. 412.

The right question

It troubled me,
that barren fig tree
cursed,
withered,
dead.

What had it done?
(Wrong question.)
What had it not done?

It had not produced.
Leaves are
not enough.
Without fruit
how are the hungry fed?

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Roots for the rootless

We live in times of headlong change—that is generally accepted. Social, economic, political, urban conditions assume new directions and forms, sometimes with startling speed. Dis-

The questioning of all accepted values and the loosening of family and community ties have created an audience of people, often immature and lonely, desperate for certainty and for an allegiance on almost any terms.

Innumerable religious and quasi-religious groups have sprung up to meet these needs . . . But their undue dependence on self-proclaimed wise men leaves them vulnerable to charlatanry and to fanaticism which may pass out of the control of those who evoked it.

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orientation of some individuals is one of the unhappy consequences. People feel they don't know where and how they fit into the overall scheme of things.

What's demanded is a new sense, a spiritual sense, of place and relationship. The questions "Who are we?" "Where are we?" are paramount. To reply to these questions just materially is to remain without a reliable basis from which to heal personal and social

wounds. The answers we need are metaphysical; they are not theoretical but practical.

Rootlessness in society is related 100 percent to the sense of man as a mortal. It's an expression of the mortal belief that man is a physical, solitary fragment of existence, drifting along on a random course. Unloved. Purposeless. Lonely. Man, as he's viewed in Christian Science, has his origin in Love, the divine cause of all being. While Love exists—and Love is the eternal fact of being—man cannot be rootless. Man is never outside the

infiniteness of divine Love. He's never faced by mysteries of origin or perplexities of direction.

The Bible says that "God setteth the solitary in families."¹ And Mary Baker Eddy observes: "There is but one creator and one creation. This creation consists of the unfolding of spiritual ideas and their identities, which are embraced in the infinite Mind and forever reflected. These ideas range from the infinitesimal to infinity, and the highest ideas are the sons and daughters of God."²

Both these statements convey magnificent spiritual truths of God and the real man, God's representative. It is the sense of man conveyed by the physical faculties that gets us on the wrong track. On this false, sensual information is built the whole edifice of belief that the universe is material and man suffering, lonely, lacking—an enigma.

Replacing mortal falsity with spiritual fact is practical. It works because thought precedes experience. What mortal consciousness accepts as true, mortal consciousness will tend to experience. But as finite mentality yields to spiritual understanding, outward events show more and more of divine concord. They progressively evidence the reality of infinite Principle and its perfect idea, spiritual man and universe.

In sum, our reasoning needs spiritual rather than physical origin and roots. This is surely the central spiritual theme of the Bible. It is at the hub of Christian Science. As we begin to grasp the significance and utility of basing our reasoning on divine fact, we prove its validity in our lives. We demonstrate that man is not a drifting, dreaming, rootless mortal but the glorious expression of unchanging Love. Mrs. Eddy makes this sharp distinction between the man God created and the man the senses "create": "Man is not absorbed in Deity, and man cannot lose his individuality, for he reflects eternal Life; nor is he an isolated, solitary idea, for he represents infinite Mind, the sum of all substance."³

Sometimes people who have not yet learned of their true, Godlike self—and so perhaps think of themselves as lonely and as misfits—try to cope with their alienation by joining in some group or community of those in a like situation. Such groups

have widely varying degrees of worthiness and unworthiness. However, no deep and spiritual sense of belonging and of "fitting in" can come merely from forms of human society or of mortal relating. Something deeper is needed: spiritual and scientific understanding of God and man. Christian Science can lead us to a solid sense of belonging, a conviction of our unity with divine Love. Each of us in his authentic self belongs to God and is indispensable to God's full expression.

Such spiritual truths are the basis on which we help nullify bad conditions thrown up by social change. We make a potent contribution when we affirm and demonstrate in our own lives that man can never be torn away from his divine origin, God. After referring to God as Father and Mother and to man as the idea of Principle, Mrs. Eddy says, "Now let us not lose this Science of man, but gain it clearly; then we shall see that man cannot be separated from his perfect Principle, God, inasmuch as an idea cannot be torn apart from its fundamental basis."⁴

To the extent we see this we will help mankind demonstrate the truth that man is not vulnerable to turmoil, such as that coming from a partial collapse of traditional values. Nor is man open to mortal persuasions and exploitation. He is not that kind of entity. Through admitting and applying the Science of Christ we can prove that man is directed and satisfied by his always loving Father, divine Life, that he is immune to sinister manipulation, brainwashing, evil motives masked as good. We can demonstrate man's innocence as the idea of Soul.

Paul's wish—"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge"⁵—is fulfilled through the understanding of God and man in the Science of Christ. Love's idea, man, is forever "rooted and grounded" in infinite Principle, the immortal loving cause of all actual being.

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¹ Ps. 68:6; ² *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, pp. 502-503; ³ *ibid.*, p. 259;

⁴ *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 186; ⁵ Eph. 3:17-19.

How Christian Science heals

“Is the Christian Science healing method something we must apply faithfully without knowing actually how it works?” asked a comparative newcomer to the study of Science.

Indeed not! The Christian Science textbook by Mrs. Eddy, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, not only describes the method of practicing Christian healing but encourages its readers to strive for clear knowledge of the divine Principle that is the basis of this metaphysical healing. Science enables us to gain such a grasp of the mode of its curative activity in human consciousness, and such a certainty of its successful operation, that we are happy to rely on it completely.

Opening the first chapter of *Science and Health*, Mrs. Eddy writes, “The prayer that reforms the sinner and heals the sick is an absolute faith that all things are possible to God,—a spiritual understanding of Him, an unselfed love.”¹ The would-be healer—whether he is praying for his own benefit or for others—is wise to work most earnestly to increase his faith in God, and he will find that an effective way of doing this is to increase his understanding of Deity and divine law.

Understanding strengthens faith and enables one to defy, deny, and destroy false belief with complete confidence—and not only false belief but the manifestations of belief appearing as matter and discord. Christian Science explains that matter is not true substance. The universe is, in fact, spiritual, not material. What appear to be a material world and physical bodies are objectifications of mortal thought. These are liable to constant change not because of any automatic mutational power of matter but because they are fragile images held in unstable mortal consciousness.

Reality is spiritual and wholly good, the manifestation of God, divine Mind. It is immutable, perfect, incapable of being discordant or deteriorating. It is the expression of immortal Life, governed by Love’s law of harmony. Whereas everything material, from the single neutron to the vast atomic conglomerate we call Earth, is the unstable image of false, mortal thought.

"In divine Science, the universe, including man, is spiritual, harmonious, and eternal," writes Mrs. Eddy. Then she continues, "Science shows that what is termed *matter* is but the subjective state of what is termed by the author *mortal mind*." ²

Mortal mind, the originator of all belief in matter and mortal existence, is the suppositional consciousness apart from God, the divine Mind. Its images are as unstable as dreams, subject to the variableness of their mental source. They are without power or permanence—imaginary concepts that are destroyed completely when the true idea of God, the divine Mind, is acknowledged as the only reality of being. Christ Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." ³ He was referring to this truth that destroys the false images of mortal mind—the truth that he taught, the Word of God, the revelation of man's sonship with God and God's love for man, whom He creates and maintains eternally in His perfect likeness.

The man God made is invariably spiritual, immortal, whole, and intact, including all true ideas. This is the actual individuality of each one of us in our true identity. Every action and function of the real man is governed by divine Principle; thus, in truth harmony is the invariable law of our being.

When this true idea of perfect identity is recognized and affirmed to be the actual nature of man and the universe, it replaces falsities of consciousness that are manifested as material atoms, objects, physical bodies with their discords and diseases. False images of thought and their objectifications become less real to us than the true ideas they counterfeit. Healing follows, and we are a step forward in enjoying the perfection of God's universe and the benefits of His reign of harmony.

Mrs. Eddy explains this scientific mode of healing as the natural action of the benign influence of divine Truth on human thought. She writes, "The physical healing of Christian Science results now, as in Jesus' time, from the operation of divine Principle, before which sin and disease lose their reality in human consciousness and disappear as naturally and as necessarily as darkness gives place to light and sin to reformation." ⁴

Truth, when acknowledged, does—*must*—heal and make us free from mortal discord of every kind. When the truth dis-

places error in thought even in small degree, to that extent the human mind is purified, its objectification improves, and the natural harmony of God's universe appears. When the truth of spiritual perfection supplants belief in discords, that belief together with its outward manifestation of disease is dissolved, whatever form it may seem to take. Every mortal condition from colds to cancer, from congenital disease to geriatric deterioration, must inevitably give place to the understanding of spiritual reality.

Nothing can withstand the power of Truth. As Christ Jesus promised, the knowing of that which is spiritually true does make us free from all mortal belief and its material objectifications. And the truth that makes free is the truth that man is already free—free from all material limitation and discord because the entire universe, including man, is the idea of God, divine Mind, and is forever maintained in His likeness.

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¹ *Science and Health*, p. 1; ² *ibid.*, p. 114; ³ John 8:32; ⁴ *Science and Health*, p. xi.

God is here!

Reflection's not a separate thing.

Possessing nothing of its own—

It can't detach and freely wing.

An image won't exist alone.

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Marilyn Henninger

Roland and the policeman

Robert D. Stranathan



Roland and his brother have a skateboard, and they like to take turns lying on it, pushing themselves along. But one day Roland didn't feel like playing. His legs hurt, and he was very hot. Roland's mother was afraid, because she had never seen him so sick before. She told him to rest on his bed while she called a Christian Science practitioner on the phone.

Not long afterwards the doorbell rang. Roland heard his mother open the door, and soon a nice man came into Roland's

room. His mother told him the man's name and said he was a Christian Science practitioner. Roland remembered what a Christian Science practitioner was—someone who healed people by praying for them.

After Roland's mother left the room, the man sat on the edge of the bed and asked Roland to close his eyes and listen for good thoughts from God. The man said he would close his eyes and listen to God too. He explained that Roland was God's child, and that God loved him. Therefore God wouldn't let him be sick.

Roland and the man talked about how God speaks to people by giving them good thoughts—thoughts like how near God's love is to us, since God is everywhere, and how safe we are, since God, good, is always with us. These are the thoughts that heal.

They agreed that when we listen to God we get rid of bad thoughts. Bad thoughts do not come from ever-present God. Therefore bad thoughts are not real. Bad thoughts are the ones that tell us we are afraid or sick or angry or that we don't want to tell the truth. When we listen to God's good thoughts, we get rid of bad thoughts, since they can't *both* be with us at once.

All this time Roland and the man were letting in God's good thoughts, and with these good thoughts they were shutting out other voices that said sickness was real. They remembered this statement of Mrs. Eddy's from her book *Science and Health*: "Stand porter at the door of thought. Admitting only such conclusions as you wish realized in bodily results, you will control yourself harmoniously." ¹

After listening to God this way for a while, the man told Roland that he was going to teach him to be a policeman.

"When a policeman puts his hand up like this," the man said, holding his hand straight up, "what does it mean?"

Roland answered, "It means stop."

"Right," the practitioner said. "And when the policeman does this," the man went on, waving his arm, "what does it mean?"

"Come on," answered Roland.

"You're right again," the man said. Then he added, "You are

like a policeman, Roland. It's up to you to let in God's good thoughts and shut out anything that's bad."

Roland got the idea. He said "yes" to what he had learned in the Christian Science Sunday School about how God loves boys and girls. Roland knew how Christ Jesus showed God's love for children as well as grown people by healing the sick son of the nobleman.² Roland saw that God loved him too.

He said "no" to sickness and hurt because they were not from God, Love, and he knew that if something wasn't from God it wasn't real, because the first commandment says, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."³

Soon the practitioner asked Roland if he would like to show him around his backyard, and Roland said he would. He got out of bed and led the way out into the afternoon sunshine. After a long ride on the swing they went inside, where Roland flopped down in his favorite beanbag chair and watched a children's TV show with his brother. Roland was feeling much better already.

He saw his mother and the practitioner go into another room to talk about God.* After the man went home Mother fixed dinner. Later Roland went to bed.

When he got up the next morning Roland couldn't wait to go racing along on the skateboard. He was completely well.

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 392; ² See John 4:46-53; ³ Ex. 20:3.

*Note to parents: Roland's mother knew it was important for her son's sake to calm her own thought, because, after describing how to give Christian Science treatment, *Science and Health* states (p. 412), "If the case is that of a young child or an infant, it needs to be met mainly through the parent's thought, silently or audibly on the aforesaid basis of Christian Science." In her talk with the practitioner, a couple of fears had been uncovered, and the mother had learned to say "stop" to them by acknowledging God's love and ever-presence.



Testimonies of Christian Science Healing

My mother introduced Christian Science to our home, after seeing her mother's instantaneous healing of migraine headaches. Many blessings have come into my life through these teachings.

As one of six children, I remember many quick healings—including those of measles, whooping cough, and other so-called children's diseases—all healed in a few days. My own childish fears were overcome when my mother spoke to me of God, divine Love, as the real Father-Mother of all His children and assured me that His tender love was always present and available. In later years, my own children knew only Science as the remedy for every sickness. I am deeply grateful for the help of loving practitioners, to be serving my branch church in various capacities, and for class instruction.

Some years ago I suddenly found myself in great pain, unable even to sit up or move about. I asked for treatment from a Christian Science practitioner and was freed of pain. However, it was many weeks before I was able to be up and around. During this time I had periods of discouragement, but the practitioner gave me inspiration by pointing out many helpful promises in the Bible.

I gained much comfort and strength from the first verse of the ninety-first Psalm, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." This

The statements made in these testimonies with regard to healings have been carefully verified. The original testimonies and their respective verifications are on file for reference with The Christian Science Publishing Society.—THE EDITORS.

showed me that I must claim my unity with God more affirmatively and persistently.

The practitioner pointed out that I must cling to the fact that I am a spiritual idea and not a physical organism subject to disease. My attention was called to Mary Baker Eddy's words in *Miscellaneous Writings* (p. 185): "Self-renunciation of all that constitutes a so-called material man, and the acknowledgment and achievement of his spiritual identity as the child of God, is Science that opens the very flood-gates of heaven; whence good flows into every avenue of being, cleansing mortals of all uncleanness, destroying all suffering, and demonstrating the true image and likeness."

It also was pointed out to me that I must destroy self-pity and start being grateful for all my blessings. The practitioner's insistence that the condition had no past, present, or future, but had always been an illusion, was helpful in removing my fear.

Steady progress was made, and I was soon able to lead a normal life with my family. Through all this I learned many lessons of humility and patient persistence, and I gained a deeper understanding of man's unity with God.

Several years later I began to experience pain and discomfort, this time internally. Again, healing seemed slow, and it was recommended that I enter a nursing home for Christian Scientists. At first I hesitated, as I would have to go by ambulance. False pride rebelled. But I recognized this as error, and I agreed to go. The first two days were challenging, but a visit from the practitioner who was praying for me, and the kind encouragement shown by the nurses, gave me reassurance. Very soon I was able to study the Bible Lesson in the *Christian Science Quarterly* and do other thoughtful study of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mrs. Eddy.

Each day there was steady progress. And eight days later, on Christmas, I was able to walk out to the car and spend the day with my family. One week later I left for my home in Florida, completely healed.

(Mrs.) BEATRICE HAMILTON YOUNG
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

I am grateful for Christian Science. I was driving the garden tractor, and when I came to the garage I didn't know which way to turn. We had a boat in our garage. Dad tried to stop the tractor, but he had a battery acid tester in his hands, and some of the acid splashed in my eyes. We called a practitioner to heal me. I put my Christian Science records on, and I was healed very quickly.

DAVID AUSTIN
Battle Creek, Michigan

I am David's mother and am happy to confirm his healing. The practitioner told us that nothing could deface the tablet of David's being. Mrs. Eddy states (*Science and Health*, p. 227). "The illusion of material sense, not divine law, has bound you, entangled your free limbs, crippled your capacities, enfeebled your body, and defaced the tablet of your being." We were not influenced by "the illusion of material sense." David had stopped crying, so I led him to his room and read aloud a section of the Bible Lesson in the *Christian Science Quarterly*. The subject was "Mind." We gained a better understanding of the power of infinite Mind, God, to heal.

David was still having difficulty seeing. I put one of his records on the phonograph. These are Bible stories published by The Christian Science Publishing Society. Within a few minutes he was walking around exclaiming he could see and was so grateful for the quick help of Christian Science treatment. David is now nine years old, and this healing has been permanent. He has looked to it for assurance in working out other problems.

Two significant healings David has had since were the removal of a plantar wart, and the adjustment of a dislocation in his body that caused breathing difficulty. In both instances we prayed together. The first healing was accomplished after some time, and the second one was instantaneous. My husband and I are extremely grateful to be raising our children to love and obey their Father-Mother God.

(Mrs.) SHARYN H. AUSTIN

I share my wife's gratitude for David's healing after acid accidentally splashed in his eyes. For my part, immediately I had to displace a feeling of guilt with the assurance of God's loving care for His children. I also affirmed that accidents have no place in God's kingdom.

EARL D. AUSTIN



One Wednesday at school I didn't feel well at all. They sent me home, and I went straight to bed from 2:30 till 3:30. When my mother came home and saw I didn't feel well, she said to me, "You know it's not true about God's child. Did you pray?" I said, "Yes." Then she asked, "Did you pray with all your heart to divine Love?" I said, "No, I didn't have strength to pray hard enough." So my mother helped me pray using the Bible and *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mrs. Eddy. We read "the scientific statement of being" (see p. 468), and we continued to pray. Then I felt a little bit better, but not all the way.

The next morning my mother and I went to a Christian Science practitioner, and I told her I still had a stomachache. She talked to me and asked if I knew the Lord's Prayer. I said, "Yes," and then we said it together. She asked me, "Do you know the meaning of 'lead us not into temptation'?"* I said, "Yes." But she wanted me to learn even more about it. I did. When I arrived home, I felt much better. The next day, Friday, I was completely healed. I am very grateful.

MARTINE DORESTANT
Miami, Florida

I am happy to verify my daughter's testimony. Our family has had many healings in Christian Science. I firmly hold to Mrs. Eddy's counsel (*Science and Health*, p. 392): "Stand porter at the door of thought. Admitting only such conclusions as you wish realized in bodily results, you will control yourself harmoniously." I am grateful, just as my daughter is, for Christ Jesus,

the master Christian; and for our inspired Leader, Mrs. Eddy, who with her key to the Scriptures has opened the Bible for all to read, understand, and apply its truths in solving everyday problems. I earnestly pray for the grace and spiritual understanding to go forward, humbly serving God.

(Mrs.) MARIE MARTHE DORESTANT

*Editors' Note: The Lord's Prayer, with its spiritual interpretation by Mrs. Eddy, includes these words (*Science and Health*, p. 17):

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

*And God leadeth us not into temptation, but delivereth us
from sin, disease, and death."*



The healing for which I am most grateful took place one night last winter when I awoke with a pounding headache. From early childhood, I had had erratic heart action and fluctuating blood pressure, with resulting difficulties. Doctors who were consulted, as I was not a Christian Scientist, always said it was a condition I must learn to live with. But this night I turned wholeheartedly to God and knew that, as His child and reflection, this condition was no part of my true nature and had no basis in reality. "Man's extremity is God's opportunity," as Mrs. Eddy quotes in *Science and Health* (p. 266). The pain stopped so quickly and was followed by such complete calm, I was almost sure that I had passed into a new existence! And, in fact, this is true! There has been no return of any of the former related difficulties. Formerly there was almost daily evidence of them in some way. I truly feel I have had a "new birth" and better understand Mrs. Eddy's statement (*ibid.*, p. 103), "Life and being are of God."

A second healing is one of excessive bleeding whenever I cut or even pricked my skin. While I was discarding a tin can lid, it slipped and cut my finger deeply. I immediately wrapped the finger in a paper towel, determined not to give any power to matter, or even to acknowledge any accident had occurred. The bleeding was profuse. I went to the living room to sit and rethink the articles on healing, which I had been reviewing ear-

lier that afternoon from Christian Science publications. I also pondered Mrs. Eddy's statement in answer to the question "What is man?" (*ibid.*, p. 475): "Man is not matter; he is not made up of brain, blood, bones, and other material elements." This resulted in almost immediate stoppage of the bleeding, and no other bandage was required. Within just a few days the area was completely healed, and no scar is visible. This healing has brought me to realize the certainty that there is healing for all who are challenged with hemophilia.

Another healing was of an area of soreness and swelling under my arm. A similar problem when I was a teen-ager, and before I knew of Christian Science, required lancing by a doctor, and bandaging for more than a week. But this time I studied Mrs. Eddy's teaching that we not fear that matter can be swollen or inflamed or painful. Matter is not true substance. This treatment was adequate to stop the pain, and in a few days the swelling had disappeared. I rejoiced in the rapidity of this healing!

(Mrs.) DOROTHY T. RYBURN
Aurora, Illinois



A number of years ago a physician told my father that medical treatment could do nothing more for me and that I would never walk again. For five years I had been a semi-invalid, and at one point was bedridden a whole year with aftereffects of scarlet fever. A co-worker of my father's so fully lived his understanding of Christian Science that my father became curious and asked him what he had that we didn't.

After that my parents began attending a branch Church of Christ, Scientist, and soon a Christian Science practitioner was asked to pray for me. I began to improve and was healed, and since then have lived a normal, active life. I attended the Christian Science Sunday School until I was twenty. Since that time my commitment to this Science has continued to deepen.

Our family has had numerous healings, including those of sore throats, cuts, and burns. During many miles of traveling we

have seen evidence of God's protective care. My mother was healed of migraine headaches, and my father was healed of severe constipation.

One time I fell down a flight of stairs and landed headfirst on the concrete floor. I felt so aware of God's presence comforting me that I did not lose consciousness. Within a short time I was able to get up and call a practitioner for help. Although much of my body was bruised and there appeared to be internal injuries, within a few weeks all evidence of the fall was healed, and I resumed normal activity.

About fifteen years ago, with the help of a practitioner, I was healed of a severe attack of sciatic rheumatism. It was several months before the healing was complete, and discouragement tempted me. At one point the practitioner mentioned the story of the three Hebrew men who refused to worship the king's idol, even though they were to be cast into the fiery furnace (see Dan. 3). This awakened me to see discouragement as a false god tempting me to worship it, and I vowed to follow God only, trusting solely in His power to heal me. I began to improve, and was soon completely free.

(Mrs.) DOROTHY BALIK REIMER
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

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HAMPSHIRE—Portsmouth: Church, 178 London Rd., 3 p.m., Fri., Apr. 13. "Why Spiritual Healing?" (McClain)

LANCASHIRE—Accrington: Church, Burnley Rd., 7:30 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 12. "From Hell to Heaven" (Rogers)

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UNITED STATES

(Week of February 18 to 24)

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CALIFORNIA—Hawthorne: Church, 12717 York Ave., 2 p.m., Sat., Feb. 24.‡ "Good Without Evil" (White)

Los Angeles (Fourth): Church, 5206 N. Figueroa St., 8 p.m., Fri., Feb. 23.‡ "The Continuity of Good" (White)

Los Angeles (Thirty-first): Church, 3525 Glenhurst Ave., 8 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 22. "The Human and the Divine Economy" (White)

Pacoima (Forty-second, Los Angeles): Church, 9165 Woodman Ave., 8 p.m., Mon., Feb. 19.‡ "Let My People Go" (White)

San Marino: Church, 1070 Huntington Dr., 8 p.m., Tues., Feb. 20.‡ "The Continuity of Good" (White)

San Pedro (Seventh, Los Angeles): Church, 1010 S. Cabrillo Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., Feb. 18.‡ "The Human and the Divine Economy" (White)

CONNECTICUT—Stamford: Church, 655 Stillwater Rd. and Bridge St., 8:30 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 22.‡ "Can I Truly Be Myself?" (Henniker-Heaton)

FLORIDA—Miami (Third): Church, 11001 S.W. 87th Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., Feb. 18.‡ "God Is Your Provider" (Alton)

Pensacola: Church, 4880 N. Ninth Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., Feb. 18.‡ "Why Spiritual Healing?" (McClain)

GEORGIA—Augusta: Sat., Feb. 24. "Where in the World Is God?" (McClain)*

Marietta: Cobb County Civic Center Theater, Clay and Fairgrounds, 8 p.m., Mon., Feb. 19.‡ "What's Your Greatest Need?" (Alton)

Thomasville: Church, Dawson St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 22.‡ "Where in the World Is God?" (McClain)

KANSAS—Great Bend: Church, 2421 Lakin, 3 p.m., Sun., Feb. 18. "Diana or Christ?" (Aghamalian)

Wichita (joint lecture): Century II Theatre, 225 W. Douglas, 8 p.m., Mon., Feb. 19.‡ "Diana or Christ?" (Aghamalian)

MISSISSIPPI—Jackson: Church, 755 Riverside Dr., 8 p.m., Fri., Feb. 23.‡ "There's Only One Real Ego" (Correll)

MISSOURI—St. Louis (Third): Church, 3524 Russell Blvd., 3 p.m., Sun., Feb. 18.‡ "The Spiritual Viewpoint" (Correll)

MONTANA—Missoula: Church, 138 E. Pine St., 3 p.m., Sat., Feb. 24.‡ "Your Unlimited Opportunities" (McGrew)

NEW JERSEY—Ridgewood: Church, 305 Godwin Ave., 8:30 p.m., Tues., Feb. 20.‡ "Can I Truly Be Myself?" (Henniker-Heaton)

NEW YORK—New York (First): Church, 96th St. and Central Park West, 8 p.m., Fri., Feb. 23.‡ "The Life That Is Worth Living" (Henniker-Heaton)

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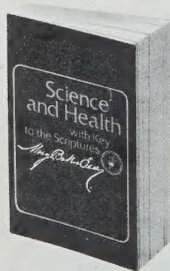
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